

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Serial No.: 10/815,684
SUGHRUE MION, PLLC Ref: Q75533

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicant has cancelled claims 19-41 from the application. Applicant notes with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 9, 10, 42-47 have been allowed. The only outstanding rejection is a rejection under § 112 (second paragraph) of claim 1, and its dependent claims, as being indefinite. By way of this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify that claim 1 is directed to a combination of a vessel for transporting at least a base of a wind turbine along with the base. Thus, the preamble of claim 1 recites as follows:

A vessel for transporting at least a base of a wind turbine, in combination with said base ...

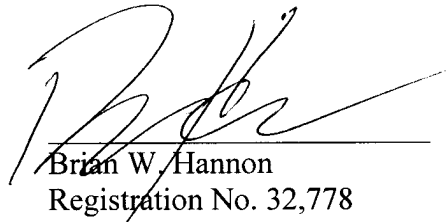
A corresponding change has been made to claim 9 to improve the overall clarity of the claims, as contained in the application.

It is the intent of the Applicant that the claims cover a vessel which is capable of transporting just the base of a wind turbine or, alternatively, the base of the wind turbine plus additional elements of the wind turbine including, for example, the tower, nacelle, the rotor blades, etc. To that end, Applicant has added new dependent claims 48-50. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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